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SUBJECT: GENERAL POGGEMEYER'S VISIT

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WE HEARTILY CONCUR WITH DEPT'S VIEW THAT NON-SUBSTANTIVE
MILITARY VISITS TO TAIWAN SHOULD BE REDUCED IN NUMBER,
THOUGH WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IT PROBABLY WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
TO ELIMINATE THEM ALTOGETHER. MGEN POGGEMEYER'S DEC 17-19
VISIT IS ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL: HE WILL BE PAYING FAREWELL
CALLS ON ROC MILITARY PRIOR TO TRANSFER TO A NEW COMMAND,
AND WHILE HERE WILL RECEIVETHE "CLOUD AND BANNER". IT IS
AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE VISIT WHICH IS
EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT SINCE BOTH PARTIES (THE US
AND THE ROC MILITARY) LOOK ON IT AS A MATTER OF NORMAL
MILITARY COURTESY. WHILE WE HAVE CONCURRED IN THIS
VISIT, AND BELIEVE ITS CANCELLATION AT THIS LATE
DATE WOULD BE RATHER AWKWARD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONI-
TOR, AND HOPEFULLY, REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF FUTURE NON-
SUBSTANTIVE VISITS.
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